

REMARKS

The Office Action dated June 29, 2005 has been received and carefully noted. The above amendments to the claims, and the following remarks, are submitted as a full and complete response to the Office Action.

Claim 2 is amended to correct and informality. No new matter is added. Claims 1-20 are respectfully submitted for consideration.

The Office Action objected to claim 1 because of informalities. Applicant submits that claim 2 is amended as suggested in the Office Action and thereby obviates this objection. Withdrawal of the objection to claim 1 is respectfully requested.

The Office Action rejected claims 1-20 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by US Patent No. 6,108,540 to Sonti et al. (Sonti). This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Claim 1 from which claims 2-6 depend, recites a method for personalizing a service in a telecommunications system. The method includes maintaining a parameter list for a service, the list comprising parameters associated with the service. The method further includes maintaining a value on at least two different levels for at least a first parameter, the first level being more individualizing than the second level, and maintaining at least two service data profiles for the service, the profiles both comprising definitions of the levels for the parameters and the profiles differing from one another at least in that in the first service data profile the first parameter value is on the first level, whereas in the second service data profile it is on the second level.

Claim 7, from which claims 8-11 depend, recites a telecommunications system software product comprising a computer-readable program stored in a program storage means, the program comprising a first routine for maintaining a parameter list for a service, the list comprising parameters associated with the service, wherein the program comprises a second routine for maintaining at least a first parameter value on at least two different levels, the first level being more individualizing than the second level, and a third routine for maintaining at least two service data profiles for the service, the profiles both comprising definitions of the levels for the parameters and the profiles differing from one another at least in that in the first service data profile the value of the first parameter is on the first level, whereas in the second service data profile it is on the second level.

Claim 12, from which claims 13-16 depend, recites a telecommunications system. The telecommunications system includes a network node for maintaining for a service a parameter list of parameters associated with the service. The system is configured to maintain at least a first parameter value on at least two different levels, the first level being more individualizing than the second level, and to maintain at least two service profiles for the service, the profiles both comprising definitions of the levels for the parameters and the profiles differing from one another at least in that in the first service data profile the value of the first parameter is on the first level, whereas in the second service data profile it is on the second level.

Claim 17, from which claim 18 depends, recites a network node for maintaining a parameter list of parameters associated with a service in a telecommunications system. The network node includes memory means for maintaining a value for at least a first parameter on at least two different levels, the first level being more individualizing than the second level, and for maintaining at least two service data profiles for a service, the profiles both comprising parameter level definitions and the profiles differing from one another at least in that in the first service data profile the value of the first parameter is on a first level, whereas in the second service data profile it is on a second level.

Claim 19, from which claim 20 depends, recites a network node for providing a service in a telecommunications system in which a list of the parameters for the service is maintained, wherein for providing the service to the subscriber. The network node includes a first routine to find out in the subscriber data of the system which one of the service data profiles of the service has been subscribed to, the service data profiles including definitions of the levels for the parameters and the profiles differing from one another in relation to at least one parameter level definition, and a second routine for retrieving the parameter values from the levels based on the definitions in the service data profile.

In certain embodiments, the present invention is a solution in which values for a certain service parameter can be maintained on different levels, e.g., a global level, a service-specific level or on a profile-specific level and/or a subscriber-specific level. As

will discussed below, Sonti fails to disclose or suggest the elements of any of the pending claims, and therefore fails to provide the advantages noted above

Sonti is directed to a multi-profile subscriber. Sonti discloses a system wherein a subscriber may chose between different profiles. In Sonti, a home location register holds subscriber information that includes an active profile number field and a plurality of feature lists identified by number. The active profile number field specifies which feature list is currently available to the respective subscriber.

Applicant submits that Sonti fails to disclose or suggest at least the feature of maintaining a value on at least two different levels for at least a first parameter, the first level being more individualizing than the second level, and maintaining at least two service data profiles for the service, as recited in claim 1 and similarly recited in claims 7, 12, 17 and 19.

Specifically, Sonti does not even mention this feature. In fact Sonti only mentions having a bank of information on each subscriber such as an entire city, and that the profile information is a superset of the information stored at the visitor location register, (see Sonti column 4 lines 56-60). Thus, Sonti does not disclose or suggest maintaining a value on at least two levels (i.e., global, service specific, subscriber specific) wherein the first level is more individualizing than the second level, as recited in the pending claims. See at least page 4 lines 16-35 of the Applicant's specification for a discussion of these features.

Applicants further submit that Sonti fails to disclose or suggest at least the feature maintaining at least two service data profiles for the service, the profiles both comprising definitions of the levels for the parameters and the profiles differing from one another at least in that in the first service data profile the first parameter value is on the first level, whereas in the second service data profile it is on the second level, as recited in claim 1 and similarly recited in claims 7, 12, 17 and 19. Specifically, because as discussed above Sonti fails to disclose or suggest the feature of maintaining a value on at least two levels, it follows that Sonti fails to disclose or suggest the feature of maintaining at least two service data profiles wherein the profiles includes definitions of the levels, as recited in the pending claims. At best, Sonti discloses that a finite number of subscriber-selected feature lists for s subscriber are maintained in the HLR that are specific to a particular region that is served by the HLR. See Sonti at column 5 lines 13-18, 51-55 and 56-62.

Applicants submit that because claims 2-6, 8-11, 13-16, 18 and 20 depend from claims 1, 7, 12, 17 and 19, these claims are allowable at least for the same reasons as claims 1, 1, 12, 17 and 19.

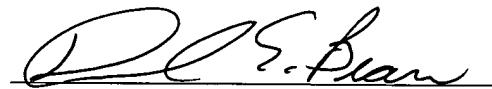
Based at least on the above, Applicant submits that the Sonti fails to disclose or suggest all of the features of any of the pending claims. Accordingly, withdrawal of the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) of claims 1-20 is respectfully requested, and it is requested that the pending claims be allowed and this application be passed to issue.

If for any reason the Examiner determines that the application is not now in condition for allowance, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner contact, by

telephone, the applicants undersigned attorney at the indicated telephone number to arrange for an interview to expedite the disposition of this application.

In the event this paper is not being timely filed, the applicant respectfully petitions for an appropriate extension of time. Any fees for such an extension together with any additional fees may be charged to Counsel's Deposit Account 50-2222.

Respectfully submitted,

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